

Interview - Dr Qureshi 1000h 9 Dec 03

I explained P13 allegations to Dr Qureshi, confirming the serious nature of the allegations. Dr Qureshi explained that he had initially examined the patient noting she was drowsy and confused after the initial seizures. There was a male friend of the patient present during the examination. He was called to Ward 10 for patient checkups and medication orders.

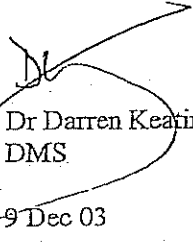
He claims that he returned to DEM to check on P13 and found her to be more drowsy than previous. He asked the nursing staff if she had suffered any further convulsions and a nurse approached the patient. The nurse and patient talked, before he was told that P13 wished to be cared by a female doctor.

I asked Dr Qureshi to provide me with a written submission (i.e. show cause) outlining why he shouldn't be dismissed, based upon the three reported incidents concerning his behaviour. This report is to be submitted to me by 1000h on 16 Dec 03.

Dr Qureshi denied these claims and believes there were alternative reasons for these allegations. I suggested that he put these in his submission.

I outlined that his response would be considered by the DM in conjunction with the allegations before a decision would be made. This decision would be made as soon as possible. Possible results included continuation of employment or termination of contract.

I reminded Dr Qureshi that he was to have a chaperone for all female patients and he wouldn't be placed on-call until further notice.


Dr Darren Keating
DMS

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P.S. This complaint will also be reported to the Medical Board of Queensland. Above action discussed with HRM.